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on / said Marcia Boudreau, 17. "We grew up with these kids, and we're not supposed to focus on it?"

Smart, 23, faces life in prison if she is convicted of conspiring with three Seabrook teenagers to murder her insurance-salesman husband. Her student-lover William Flynn, 17, and the two others have confessed in plea-bargains and testified against her. Timmons' cousin Fowler, 19, faces separate charges.

Fowler's friend, Kim Wilson, 17, said she was angry that Flynn had murdered, but sad that someone her age faced a minimum 28 years in prison.

"It's hard. He was just obsessed with her, and his mind was really confused," she said.

The case strikes a nerve among teenagers; many of the hundreds of people lining up as early as 3 a.m. for a courtroom seat are as young as those taking the stand.

Several students echoed Wilson's sentiments.

Shelley Quinney, 18, of Plaistow, has followed the case in her high school law class since September, and persuaded her mother to let her skip school so she could see the people she had discussed for so long.

Quinney said she couldn't believe Flynn's fate was sealed.

"It was a kid, so we can really relate," she said. "He doesn't even have a driver's license. That was one of the big things in our lives, and he's not going to

be able to have one. He's not going to be able to graduate."

Maureen Higgins, 17, of Sanborn, said the teenagers deserved punishment for murdering. But she said Smart, who has denied involvement, was most gravely at fault.

"She kind of ruined his (Flynn's) life," Higgins said. "She's a teacher, and you're supposed to look up to teachers. We look up to teachers, but all those kids at Winnacunnet are embarrassed for their school. She ruined it for all the other kids."

Others said they were shaken by the deadpan, apparently

unemotional testimony of Vance Lattime, 18, who drove the getaway car, and Patrick Randall, 17, who held the victim's head while Flynn fired a .38 caliber pistol.

University of New Hampshire sophomore Phil MacNamara said he and two friends came to the courthouse at 5:15 a.m. Wednesday because they want to understand Smart, the woman prosecutors blame for the teenagers' crimes.

"It seems really fascinating that a woman could have that much control over these kids, that she could drive them to kill somebody," he said.

Friends of Teens Who Killed Smart Say They Are Still Shocked, Sad

EXETER (AP) — Boffie Timmons, 17, isn't taking the stand in the Pamela Smart murder-conspiracy trial, and overflow crowds have kept her out of the courtroom. But she has much at stake.

Timmons' cousin, Raymond Fowler, is in jail awaiting trial, charged with an earlier attempt at the murder. Her first boyfriend, Ralph Welch, helped turn her friends in for killing Gregory Smart, 24, Pamela's husband. And Timmons' close friend, Cecelia Pierce, gathered prosecution evidence in secretly recorded conversations.

"If I were Cecelia, I don't know what I'd do," Timmons said Friday at the Rock-

ingham County courthouse. She had just visited Pierce, 16, who was about to take the stand against the girls' former teacher, Pamela Smart. "I told her I'd always be there for her."

Like many Seabrook and Hampton teenagers, Timmons' life has been bound up in one of the most sensational murders in New Hampshire history. At Winnacunnet High School in Hampton, where Smart was media director, administrators decided not to show the trial's live television coverage. But pupils are skipping school to watch it.

"They said they don't want us to focus

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